

A Borough wide revised street assessment is in process of being prepared and will be presented at the February 7, 2017 Council meeting.

MS4 – The permit renewal will be due in September and a kick-off meeting to review the requirements and plan for the renewal will be held in January with Borough staff.

The Betcher Road re-paving project was reviewed. Perkiomen Township is taking the lead on this project. It is estimated Trappe's share will be \$78,000.

It is projected the repaving and road work on Clahor Avenue will be ready for advertising for bids on or about February 19, 2017.

Treasurer's Report: John Klink presented the Treasurer's Report dated December 31, 2016 with a revised list of checks, check numbers 1570 through 1603, and payroll charges from the Customers Bank General Checking Account in the amount of \$247,678.50.

John Klink presented a bill list for the General Fund dated January 3, 2017 check numbers 1604 through 1607 in the amount of \$2,293.71.

A copy of the Treasurer's Report was provided to all and is available for review at Trappe Borough Hall.

Motion to make an additional payment of invoices included in the December 31, 2016, revised Treasurer's Report, including check numbers 1570 through 1603 and payroll charges from the Customers Bank General Checking Account in the amount of \$247,678.50:

Moved: S. Strauss

Seconded: T. Liberi

Approved: 4-0

Motion to make payment of invoices included in the January 3, 2017 Treasurer's Report check numbers 1604 through 1607 from the Customers Bank General Checking Account in the amount of \$2,293.71:

Moved: T. Liberi

Seconded: S. Strauss

Approved: 4-0

Borough Manager's Report: A report was presented on the collection efforts from the residents of Joan Drive for the depressed curb replacements. There were 23 invoices sent to residents, 19 have paid in full, one has a payment plan, one advised he will pay the first week of January. Of the remaining two, there are a few concerns which are expected to be resolved in the near future.

An update was provided explaining PennDOT requirement of Electronic Construction and Management System business partner which was discussed at a previous meeting. This is a procedure for PennDOT to correspond with the Borough and Barry Isett & Associates electronically.

A notice was received advising the Borough that Lake Region, 200 West Seventh Avenue, will be submitting an application to DEP for a minor modification to their Title V Operating permit.

MS4: A reprint of the December 1, 2015 article concerning the use of deicing chemicals for ice and snow was presented.

Mayor's Report - Mayor Peck's report was presented. Mayor Peck will perform a marriage on Jan 21, 2017 at Borough Hall.

The Mayor reported a downed wire on Main Street has been removed. The flag box at Borough Hall (for discarded US Flags) was emptied.

Mayor Peck also reported on a proposed kick off for Trappe 300th Anniversary is scheduled for January 28, 2017.

Solicitor's Report – Solicitor Thomas advised a legal advertisement to advertise the Conditional Use Hearing continuation for Stearly PPG, 120 W. Main Street should be published.

Motion to authorize the publication of a legal notice concerning the re-opening of the Conditional Use Hearing for Stearly PPG 120 W. Main St. for February 7, 2017:

Moved P. Ronca

Seconded: T. Liberi

Approved: 4-0

Motion to approve the business reports:

Moved: P. Ronca

Seconded: S. Strauss

Approved: 4-0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative Services: No Report

Communications: No Report

Finance & Streets: No Report

Parks & Open Space: S. Strauss to work with F. Schuetz on the design of the pergola for Rambo Park Trail entrance.

Planning, Zoning & Ordinance: No Report

Regional Planning Commission - It is expected additional information will be forth coming concerning the dispensing of medical marijuana from the County Planning Commission.

Public Works & CTMA: The minutes for the November 15, 2016 meetings were presented. A copy is available for inspection at Borough Hall.

A proposed letter to residents of Betcher Road and Route 113 was presented concerning the plan for the installation of a new water line. The plan is for the work to be completed at night on Route 113. Both roadways are scheduled for repaving in 2017. Residents are advised to voice any concerns or questions at the CTJPW Committee meeting on January 24, 2017.

Traffic & Safety: Reports of the Trappe Fire Co. and the Trappe Fire Co Ambulance were presented. Copies of both reports are available at Borough Hall for inspection.

Walkable Community: A proposal for the crosswalk from near Nicholas Lane to Bonnie Lane in Perkiomen Township was presented to the Perkiomen Township Manager to be presented to the Township Commissioners at the meeting scheduled for this night. Also a plan to provide walking access to Perkiomen Trail, the Perkiomen Valley School District main campus, Cornwallis Way, Regency Knoll and Silver Leaf Circle has been presented to Perkiomen Township Commissioners for consideration.

Technology Platform: P. Ronca indicated the new web site is up and running. The new website lists the accomplishments for 2016. Any last minute comments should be forwarded to P. Ronca immediately. Effective January 16, 2017: all Council persons, the Mayor and Borough Hall Staff will have new email addresses. These new addresses **MUST** be used for all Borough Business.

A discussion ensued concerning the need for replacement of the server and possibly other computers. Mike Retter, from Advance Technology, is to be contacted by the Borough Manager to perform a survey of the existing equipment and report on what if any and when, if not now, computer equipment should be replaced.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: A letter of resignation as the Planning Commission Alternate member has been received from John (Jack) Washeleski.

Motion to accept the letter of resignation from John (Jack) Washeleski:

Moved: T. Liberi

Seconded: P. Ronca

Approved: 4 - 0

Appointments for 2017 - President Scholl read into the record the recommended appointments for 2017. An Alternate Member of the Planning Commission and the Inclement Weather Coordinator positions do not have a recommended appointment. These will be filled at a future date. The lists of appointments are included herewith and attached, to be included in full as if they were listed here.

Motion to accept the list of appointments and approve all appointments for 2017:

Moved S. Strauss

Seconded: P. Ronca

Approved: 4 - 0

The Trash and Recycling Contract is to expire June 30, 2017. The Borough Manager was directed to prepare a package for bidding purposes. Also the current contractor was to be advised of the Borough's activities but the existing contract **MAY** be extended in accordance with the existing contract.

The resident of 295 E. Third Avenue, Mark Vitelli, had some questions concerning the installation of the new water line on Third Ave and Betcher Road. Mr. Vitelli was directed to contact the Director of the CTJPD and/or attend the meeting previously mentioned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:45 p.m. Council entered into Executive Session to discuss legal matters.

Council reconvened at 8:50 p.m.

Adjournment - There being no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Moved: T. Liberi

Seconded P. Ronca

Approved: 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert T. Umstead". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

**Robert T. Umstead
Borough Secretary**

Proclamation to Announce Trappe's 300th Anniversary

Whereas Trappe was settled in 1717 by German immigrant Jacob Schrack Sr. who established a tavern that was known popularly as "the Trap."

Whereas The populace wrote letters to Germany requesting a man of the cloth. That call was answered in 1742 by Lutheran minister Henry Melchior Muhlenberg who immigrated to the wilderness.

Whereas The settlement began to thrive along the Great Road between Philadelphia and Reading.

Whereas The village grew in the number of craftsmen, blacksmiths, carpenters, tanners, and all needs of that era at the same time more religious denominations brought spiritual life and education.

Whereas Henry Melchior Muhlenberg established a German school within a stone's throw of the Lutheran church. Trappe attained the distinction of being a musical as well as literary center. This continued at Washington Hall Boarding School and is credited to its last professor, Abel Rambo. Many of Pennsylvania's political leaders, educators, and doctors passed through those doors.

Whereas Frederick Muhlenberg was chosen in 1779 to the Continental Congress; from 1780 to 1783 as Speaker of the Pennsylvania General Assembly; and in 1789 as first Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives. He was also the first Signer of the Bill of Rights, one of our nation's most important founding documents which helps define what it means to be an American.

Whereas We are benefactors of Trappe's documented history, therefore we celebrate 300 years to honor the pioneer spirit of those before us.

Whereas Trappe Council leaders join with Religious, Historical, Educational, Military, First Responders, Civic Organizations, Trappe Business' and Trappe Residence to now proclaim the year 2017 as a year of celebration.

Mayor Connie Peck

**Trappe Borough
Appointments
2017**

POSITION	TERM	Appointee
1. Treasurer	at will	John Klink
2. Manager	at will	Robert Umstead
3. Municipal Secretary	at will	Robert Umstead
4. Administrative Assistant	at will	Ellen Goodman
5. Zoning Officer	at will	Robert Umstead
6. Solicitor	at will	Hladik, Onorato & Federman
7. Engineer	at will	Barry Isett & Associates
8. Building Inspector	at will	Code Inspections, Inc.
9. Plumbing Inspector	at will	Code Inspections, Inc.
10. UCC Code Officer	at will	Code Inspections, Inc.
11. Auditor	at will	Styer & Associates
12. Act 32 Voting Delegate	1 year term (<i>Expires 12/31/17</i>)	Nevin Scholl
13. Act 32 Alternate Delegate	1 year term (<i>Expires 12/31/17</i>)	Robert Umstead
14. Central Perk Valley Regional Plan. Comm.	2 year term (<i>Expires 12/31/18</i>)	Robert Swartley
15. Collegeville-Trappe Joint Public Works	1 year term (<i>Expires 12/31/17</i>)	Cathy Johnson
16. Collegeville-Trappe Joint Public Works	1 year term (<i>Expires 12/31/17</i>)	Pat Webster
17. Collegeville-Trappe Joint Public Works	1 year term (<i>Expires 12/31/17</i>)	Nevin Scholl
18. Emergency Management Coordinator	1 year term (<i>Expires 12/31/17</i>)	Mike Italia
19. Fire Marshall	1 year term (<i>Expires 12/31/17</i>)	Mike Italia
20. Planning Commission	4 year term (<i>Expires 12/31/20</i>)	John Washeleski
21. Planning Commission Alternate	4 year term (<i>Expires 12/31/19</i>)	Open
22. Planning Commission Secretary	1 year term (<i>Expires 12/31/17</i>)	Robert Umstead
23. Planning Commission Council Liaison	1 year term (<i>Expires 12/31/17</i>)	Tammy Liberi
24. Inclement Road Coordinator	1 year term (<i>Expires 12/31/17</i>)	Open
25. Tax Collector/EIT & LST	1 year term (<i>Expires 12/31/17</i>)	Berkheimer
26. Vacancy Board	1 year term (<i>Expires 12/31/17</i>)	Mallory Perlin
27. Zoning Hearing Board, Member	3 year term (<i>Expires 12/31/19</i>)	Paul C. Stevens
28. Zoning Hearing Board, Alternate Member	1 year term (<i>Expires 12/31/17</i>)	John Kochel
29. Zoning Hearing Board, Alternate Member	1 year term (<i>Expires 12/31/17</i>)	Richard Althouse
30. CTMA	5 year term (<i>Expires 12/31/21</i>)	Cathy Johnson
31. UCC Appeals Board	5 year term (<i>Expires 12/31/21</i>)	Paul Edwards
32. Assist. Emergency Manage. Coordinator	1 year term (<i>Expires 12/31/17</i>)	Eric Myers
33. Assistant Fire Marshall	1 year term (<i>Expires 12/31/17</i>)	Eric Myers